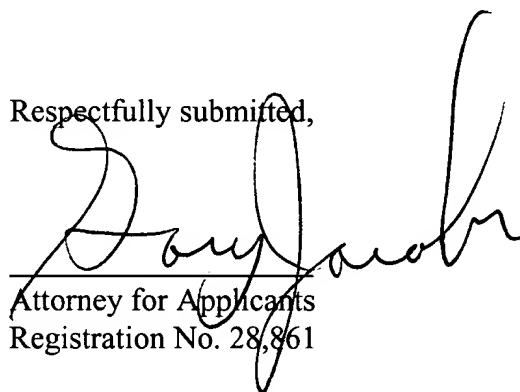


REMARKS

Claim 1 and the specification have been amended to correct minor informalities therein. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objection and rejection in view of the amendments and remarks provided in the February 19, 2003 Amendment.

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